

REMARKS

Entry of the above amendments is respectfully requested. Claims 1-28 were previously pending. Claims 10, 13 and 15 are hereby amended. Claim 9 is hereby cancelled. Claims 1-8 and 10-28 are now pending in the application. Favorable consideration and allowance of this application is respectfully requested in light of the foregoing amendments and the remarks which follow.

Claims

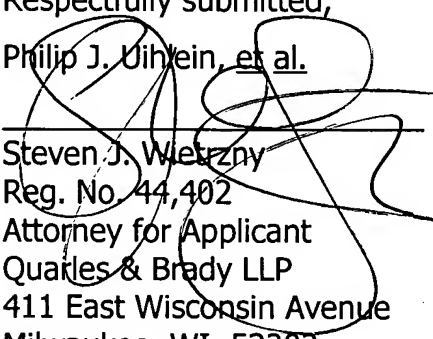
Claims 1-8 and 17-28 are allowed.

Claim 9 was rejected under § 102(b) as being anticipated by the Peffley patent (U.S. Pat. No. 6,253,568). Claim 9 is now canceled.

Claims 10-16 were objected to as being dependent upon rejected claim 9, but were deemed allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claims 10, 13 and 15 are hereby so rewritten. Claims 11 and 12 depend from amended claim 10. Claim 14 depends from amended claim 13. Claim 16 depends from amended claim 15. Thus, claims 10-16 are now believed to be in allowable form.

Accordingly, all pending claims 1-8 and 10-28 should be allowable. Allowance of these claims is thus respectfully requested.

The above amendments has decreased the claim total count by one, and increased the number of independent claims from three to six. The \$300 fee for the three additional independent claims, and any other fees deemed necessary, should be charged to Deposit Account 17-0055.

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